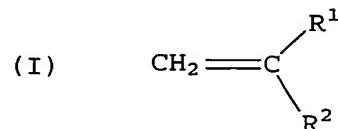


METHOD OF MAKING COPOLYMERS
CONTAINING OLEFINIC TYPE MONOMERS

ABSTRACT

Copolymers containing residues of at least one olefinic monomer and a method of making such copolymers including the steps of:

(a) providing a pressurized stirred tank;
(b) feeding monomer compositions to one or more stirred tank reactors, where at least one monomer composition includes one or more monomers according to structure (I):



where R¹ is linear or branched C₁ to C₄ alkyl and R² is selected from methyl, linear, cyclic or branched C₁ to C₂₀ alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkaryl and aralkyl;

(c) feeding an initiator composition to the STR;
(d) maintaining in the STR hydraulically full;
(e) maintaining the monomer compositions in (b) and the initiator compositions in (c) in the STR for a residence time sufficient to effect conversion of the monomers to a copolymer composition; and
(f) discharging the copolymer composition.